

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125



Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

006261-151

Boston N.

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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 151 East St.

Historic Name Joseph Spaulding/Doran House

Uses: Present Multi-Family Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1884

Source Lexington Valuation lists

Style/Form No Style

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Fieldstone

Wall/Trim Wood Clapboard

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Front porch removed, entry moved to side, addition to rear ell (1980s)

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage Part of a condominium development

Setting Set fairly close to a busy street in a 1980s condominium development

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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) March 1998

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

151 East St. was once a Queen Anne farmhouse but has lost almost all its original finishes. The original house is rectangular with a rear ell, 2½ stories, three-by-two bays, and front-gabled. The rear ell was originally two stories, one-by-two bay, and front-gabled with a ridge chimney. The house is set on a fieldstone foundation, clad with wood clapboards, and roofed with asphalt shingles. In a recent renovation, the main entry was moved from the original facade to the northwest corner of the side elevation; a doorway surround added with a molded cornice, fluted pilasters, and full-length sidelights; windows replaced with the present 12/12 double hung sash; and a large shed-roofed addition put on the entire west elevation of the ell.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house was built in 1884 by Joseph Spaulding on a lot on which there was an existing house that had been built about 1820 by Loa Locke. Spaulding had bought the lot with the old house in 1872 from Loa Locke's daughter-in-law; he built this house in 1884 and took down the old one in 1889. Historical photographs show this house as a front-gabled Queen Anne farmhouse with a full-width porch. In 1894 this house and land on both sides of East St. was purchased by Levi Doran, who moved to Lexington from Brookline and was the grandfather of Guy Doran, the present owner of Doran Greenhouses. In the 1980s this house was completely remodeled by developer Mark Moore as part of a condominium development. At that time the porch and other Queen Anne finishes were removed, the doorway moved from the front to the side, the present dorr surround installed, the windows replaced, and the addition put on the rear ell.

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*